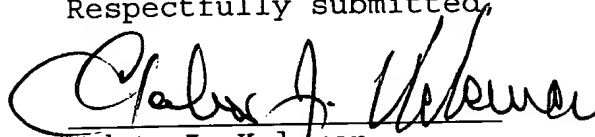


REMARKS

The purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to eliminate the multiple dependency of the claims.

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